

# NO INTERVENTION BY THE BRITISH IN MEXICO

## Militiamen Defeat Regulars in Race for Endurance

WEATHER—Snow to-night and Tuesday; colder.

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### VOLUNTEERS BEAT REGULARS IN ENDURANCE TEST RACE; WALKERS OFF TO CONEY

Soldiers Carrying Guns Finish  
Nine-and-a-Half-Mile Sprint  
to Brooklyn.

VETS OFF FOR CONEY.

Youths and Veterans Start  
From City Hall on Jog  
to Seashore.

Militiamen demonstrated their superiority over Federal troops this afternoon in a grueling nine-and-a-half-mile race from Manhattan to Brooklyn.

The contest, one of the most unusual of its kind ever held in New York, was won by the Seventy-first Regiment. The Fourteenth Regiment of Brooklyn was second. Although the Federal troops were looked upon as sure winners, they made a poor showing and were far from showing the endurance displayed by the militiamen.

Seventy-four squads, consisting of 200 men in all, took part in the race, which started at Forty-third street and Broadway and was finished in the Thirtieth Regiment Armory, Brooklyn. It looked like war times in Brooklyn when the racers, wearing their fatigue uniforms and carrying guns, began gathering.

Good-natured gibes were directed at the militiamen by Uncle Sam's soldiers, who said they would grab everything in the race, which took place under the auspices of the Royal Arcanum. One of the Government soldiers, strapping big fellow, said if he didn't get the State troops by five blocks he would go and fight with Huerta.

RELAY RACE CARRYING A FULL EQUIPMENT.

The conditions of the race were that the contestants, carrying guns and fatigue uniforms, should run in squads. The distance to be covered was 9½ miles.

If one member of a squad dropped out, according to the rules, the entire squad was disqualified. A larger, however, could be picked up and carried by fellow members of his squad, and in such an event the squad was not disqualified.

The route of the race this afternoon was from Forty-second street and Broadway to Fifth avenue, to Twenty-third street, back to Broadway, down to Canal street, thence to the Williamsburg Bridge and then to the Armory.

A gold watch will be presented to each member of the winning squad. Each member of the second team to finish will receive a gold medal, and silver medals will be given to those in the third squad.

The Walkers' Club held its second annual after-lunch stroll to-day. The club took a short walk from the City Hall steps to Coney Island, a matter of eleven and a half miles.

YOUTHS AND VETERANS IN RACE TO CONEY ISLAND.

One hundred and twenty-five youths and others far from youthful came into the cold and the snow in overalls, stocking caps, everyday shoes and specially constructed shoes—a varied assortment of garments, none too heavy or too warm either.

Each wore a number and the array attracted thousands, including walking "fans" and others anxious to learn about the new kind of holly "bug."

"Sparrow" Robertson started the

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SAILING TO-DAY.

London, Norfolk..... 3 P. M.

### Walkers Starting From City Hall for Coney In Annual Endurance Contest of 11½ Miles

Specially Photographed by an Evening World Staff Photographer.



### \$10,000 IN GEMS STOLEN SATURDAY FOUND IN GARRET

Newark Police Arrest Andrew  
Ebersson After Searching  
His House.

Andrew Ebersson, who posed as a painter and lived at No. 169 Howard street, Newark, N. J., was arrested there this afternoon by Detectives Donovan and McMahon. They had searched the house. Hidden in the garret, they reported, they found \$10,000 worth of jewelry, which was identified by Max Smith of No. 23 Monmouth street. Smith's home was robbed on Saturday night.

The police say a gang of six or eight burglars have committed more than forty burglaries in Newark, Harrison, East Orange and other surrounding towns since last December. Ebersson was captured through the confession of one of the band. According to the police, he admitted the charges and corroborated the list of robberies which his accomplice had already given to the police.

The informer gave his name as Frederick McMunn and his age as twenty-two years. He gave no address. Detective Sgt. Meehan saw him loitering about the neighborhood of Twenty-second street and South Orange avenue on Friday night and arrested him on suspicion.

Meehan was still trying to learn something about the prisoner when the Smith home was robbed on Saturday night. The police decided McMunn might know something about the result that he broke down at noon today and implicated Ebersson.

According to the police, he named as members of the gang also Jacob Greenberg, who is now in the Rahway Reformatory, and Philip Schilling, who is serving a term in the Trenton penitentiary.

### HARBURGER DEPUTIES TO LOSE FIRE BADGES

Commissioner Adamson Is Going to  
Call In All the Old  
Ones.

Fire Commissioner Robert Adamson has finally got around to the fire-bag question. All the Commissioners get around to it, and in the first flush of their official life they announce that they are going to call in the old fire-bag and issue new ones only to those entitled to the same.

No Commissioner Adamson is going to call in all the badges and cards admitting bearers within police lines at fire and rescue new cards. He will pay special attention to nullifying the special deputy sheriff's badges, several thousand of which were issued by Julius Harburger. Often there are so many special deputy sheriffs wearing Harburger badges inside the fire lines that the police have firemen turn the hose on them.

FRENCH CRUISER ASHORE.

Waldeck-Rousseau Escapes Damage in Gulf of Juan.

TOULON, France, Feb. 22.—The French armored cruiser Waldeck-Rousseau went ashore to-day in the Gulf of Juan, near Nice. Divers reported that she had not suffered any damage and it was hoped it would be possible to tow her off at high tide.

CHURCHILL IN FLYING TEST.

In Hydroaeroplane He Tries to Locate Submerged Submarines.

PORTSMOUTH, England, Feb. 22.—An interesting experiment for the purpose of testing whether it is possible to locate submerged submarine boats with the aid of aeroplanes was carried out today by Winston Spencer Churchill. First Lord of the British Admiralty, who piloted a hydro-aeroplane over the Solent.

He carried with him a naval airman as a passenger. Several submarines and waterplanes participated in the test. Mr. Churchill flew from here to Spithead and back twice.

STEAMSHIPS DUE TO-DAY.

Carmania, Liverpool..... 8 A. M.  
La Lorraine, Havre..... 8 A. M.  
Ancona, Palermo..... 8 A. M.  
Albion, Kingston..... 12 A. M.  
Advance, Cristobal..... 11 A. M.

### WOMAN IN AUTO AIDS THREE MEN IN FUR ROBBERIES

Show Windows at Several  
Shops Broken and Valuable  
Garments Taken Away.

A woman and three men in a black limousine rode down Sixth avenue just before dawn to-day. Stopping at various fur and clothing stores they smashed the side windows with a brick wrapped in a newspaper and robbed the display windows of practically all they contained.

Because furs and gowns of little value were left untouched while expensive pieces were taken the police believe the woman's part in the wholesale robbery was to make expert appraisal of the costumes and fur pieces while the men performed the actual work of robbery.

The car was at Thirty-eighth street and Sixth avenue shortly before 4 o'clock and a few moments after it had disappeared the side window of the shop of Charles M. Bernstein & Co., at No. 649 Sixth avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets, was found broken.

The shop of Lindau & Company, at No. 581 Sixth avenue, was broken into the same way and when Samuel Lindau, the proprietor arrived, he found the display window empty. At the West Thirtieth street police station where he hurried to report the robbery he discovered that a policeman had frightened the robbers away and had himself emptied the window and carried the stuff to the station for protection.

The managers of both shops said that they had heard that other places farther south in Sixth avenue had been robbed. The police have not disclosed the addresses of these places.

Bernstein & Co. do a business of buying gowns from wealthy women who wear a garment only once or twice. Five sets of furs and several gowns comprised the loot taken from this place. The hole in the window was less than a foot wide, so it is evident that the pieces were fished out of the window with a cane or some sort of hook.

The police have a fair description of the automobile and its occupants, but so one got the number of the car.

### REBELS BLOW UP TROOP TRAIN; ALL ON BOARD KILLED

Fifty-Five Mexican Federal  
Officers and an Englishman  
Among the Victims.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Feb. 22.—A Government troop train carrying a company of infantry from Mexico City destined for Jalapa was blown upon Saturday afternoon by rebels near the Lima station of the Inter-Oceanic Railway, 140 miles from Vera Cruz. The explosion was terrific and the entire train was demolished. All on board, including fifty-five officers and the English engineer, were killed.

A passenger train which was following in the wake of the troop train was fired on by the rebels, but it escaped by backing rapidly.

HALPIN EQUALS WORLD'S  
RECORD IN 300-YARD RUN.

Boston Athlete Covers Distance in  
32 2-5 Seconds at Thirtieth  
Regiment Armory To-Day.

A world's record was equalled in the games held by the Royal Arcanum and the Ninth (Royal Arcanum) Company, C. A. C., N. G. N. Y., at the Armory of the Thirtieth Regiment in Brooklyn this afternoon. The record was for the 300-yard run, made in the first heat, which was won by T. J. Halpin of the Boston A. C. He covered the distance in 32 2-5 seconds. H. Hirschman of the Irish-American A. C. was second. The final heat of the same event was won by A. T. Meyer of the I. A. A. C., with T. J. Halpin of the Boston A. C. second. Time, 32 3-5 seconds.

Summary:  
300-Yard Run—Won by G. Kimball of Long Island A. C.; J. E. Hall of St. Agnes A. C. was second and L. Gordon (unattached) third. Time, 1:54.1-5.

Putting 16-Pound Shot—Won by W. C. Maxwell (2 feet 6 inches handicap) with a throw of 43 feet 5 inches; T. L. Matuskes (8 feet handicap) 37 feet 9½ inches, second, and Pat McDonald (4 feet handicap) 45 feet 8 inches, third.

Brooklyn Firebug Busy.

Investigation will be made to-day by Fire Marshal Brophy into what is believed to have been an attempt to burn the building at No. 33 Concord street Brooklyn, last night. John Farrell, a tenant, discovered blazing waste in the hallway and with the aid of neighbors stamped out the flames.

ASK YOUR PHYSICIAN  
IF BATING POLYMER INSTEAD OF SOAP  
WILL GIVE YOU MORE OF THE BENEFIT

### BRITAIN AROUSED OVER BENTON KILLING, BUT WILL NOT INTERVENE

Stirring Scenes in Parliament as Foreign Secretary Says England Does Not Hold United States Responsible, but Cannot Act Personally.

### "BRITISH INTERVENTION FUTILE AND IMPOLITIC"

Cheers for Statement That Public Opinion Was Likely to Be Seriously Affected by Villa's Attitude.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The putting to death of William S. Benton, a British subject, by Gen. Francisco Villa at Juarez has aroused the British Parliament and people to a keen appreciation of the British interests involved in the Mexican situation. The killing of Benton was the principal subject up for discussion before the House of Commons this afternoon, when a full house listened with intense interest to explanations given by Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Minister, and Francis Dyke Acland, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, of the British Government's attitude and communications with Washington.

"The pacification of Mexico is an object we honestly desire to see accomplished, but it is impossible to effect it by British intervention. We do not intend to make any attempt of that character, which would be both futile and impolitic."

This is the attitude of the British Foreign Office, as outlined by Acland.

A significant cheer was given by the members of the House when Sir Edward Grey said that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador at Washington, had told Secretary of State Bryan public opinion in Europe was likely to be seriously affected by Gen. Villa's doings.

Sir Edward Grey explained fully that Great Britain did not hold the United States responsible for Villa's acts, but he said the British Government was powerless to take any measures in the disturbed regions.

Several members questioned the Secretary for Foreign Affairs to make sure that the Government was taking all possible steps to learn the facts of the Benton case.

American Ambassador Page expressed his personal regret at the killing of Benton in an informal talk to-day with Sir Edward Grey, whom he visited to inform him of the ratification by the United States Senate of the arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain. This was previous to the occurrences in Parliament.

LEARN THE TRUTH.

The history of the Benton affair as contained in the information furnished to Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador to the United States, by the State Department at Washington, was communicated in official form by Sir Edward Grey.

After the British Foreign Secretary had related how Sir Cecil Spring-Rice had told Secretary of State Bryan that the public opinion of Europe was likely to be seriously affected by Villa's attitude, and was cheered, he added that Mr. Bryan, while declining responsibility for Villa's doings, had promised full inquiry. He said details would be forthcoming, and expressed deep regret at the occurrence. Sir Edward Grey continued:

"Before this incident occurred the United States Government had, at our request, impressed upon the leaders of the Constitutional party in Mexico the necessity of respecting the lives of foreigners. I should like to add to

that the fact that we are communicating with the Government of the United States does not, of course, imply that it has any responsibility for what has taken place. Communication has been made because the United States alone can in those circumstances exercise any influence to discover the truth and get justice done. Juarez is close to the United States frontier and we have ourselves no means of exercising influence in those regions under existing circumstances."

"I am still in communication with the British Ambassador at Washington and with the United States Government as to what further steps can be taken."

Sir John Reese asked whether Sir Edward Grey had any information concerning other Europeans who are said to have disappeared in Mexico. Sir Edward replied:

"No, sir, but I have already telegraphed to Sir Cecil Spring-Rice suggesting for his consideration what steps it would be possible to take in this very disturbed region to ascertain the whereabouts of these people."

In the course of his explanation Sir Edward Grey read a telegram Sir Cecil Spring-Rice had received from Mrs. Benton at El Paso, which was as follows:

"I beg to advise your Excellency that my husband, Benton, a British subject, yesterday went to Juarez and after a heated discussion with Villa was thrown into jail. A friend telegraphed to Sir Cecil Spring-Rice suggesting for his behalf. Villa said: 'I have not got him in prison. I saw him this morning,' and declined any further talk on the subject."

INTERVENTION WOULD BE FUTILE AND IMPOLITIC.

Mr. Acland, opening his remarks to the House, said:

"The pacification of Mexico is an object we honestly desire to see accomplished, but it is impossible to effect it by British intervention. We do not intend to make any attempt of that character, which would be both futile and impolitic."

Mr. Acland.